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## FOR WHOM DO YOU WORK?

A citizen who is worried about the state of our nation asks this question: Have the American people forgotten that their Republic was born in a revolt against taxation? He implies that unless there is a new, modern-day revolt against endless and always mounting taxes, the Republic is done for. I am afraid he is right. The fundamental difference between our Republic and all others was this - that it guaranteed to each individual American the protection of his freedom against

its greatest enemy, the all-powerful government. The American Republic began to die on the day we handed to the central government the right to take and spend without limit a portion of our earnings. As my questioner suggests, the Republic will be reborn when we once more revolt against this attack on our freedom.

At the moment, of course, the big difficulty is that the tax grab by the politicians is so great as to be almost incomprehensible. It

is hard enough to understand how much a million dollars is, but government taxing and spending is in the billions. However, there is a way in which we may realize what is happening to us.

Let us consider merely the year we are now in. The day after New Years, you went back to your job, your business, your profession. You — the average American — thought you were working to provide yourself and your loved ones with the necessities of life, and with whatever luxuries, amusements and cultural advantages you could afford. But you were very much mistaken. From the day after New Years until last Monday, May 9th, you were not working for yourself and your family. *You were working for the*

*federal, state and local politicians.* If you paid all your taxes before spending anything on yourself or your family, you worked, on the average, the first four months and nine days of this year and handed everything you earned to the tax collectors. Not until Monday, May 9th, did you start working for yourself. Forty years ago — before we began 'saving the world' and paying doles to loud-mouthed pressure groups — you worked less than a month to support all the politicians. Now you work more than four months.

How much longer will it be, if this trend is not reversed, before you work, as the Russians do, only to support swarms of bureaucrats?

## THE BIG WEAPON

As for Russians and taxes, you probably noticed that Boss Khrushchev recently promised his people that by 1965, his communist regime would abolish all income taxes. In case any gullible Americans were intrigued by that statement, it has no more meaning than the rest of Khrushchev's promises.

First, the income-tax rate

in Soviet Russia has never been nearly as high as it is in other countries. So even if Khrushchev manages to keep his promise, he will be giving his Russian slaves little more than they already have.

Second, no matter what Khrushchev does about income taxes, the Russian people under the communist system will continue to see the

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greater part of their substance taken away for the support, and maintenance in power, of the Red bureaucrats.

Taxes are taxes, no matter what fancy name they are called by. In a completely socialist state like Russia, where the government owns or controls everything, and where the majority of people earn hardly more than a bare living, income taxes have little meaning. Most of the revenue of the Red bureaucrats is raised by a turnover tax - what we would call a sales tax. A large part of the price which every Russian pays for a loaf of bread or a bag of potatoes is made up of this turnover tax. But there is this difference be-

tween the Soviet turnover tax and an American sales tax. The Russian citizen has nothing whatever to say about either the imposition or the amount of the tax. In fact, most of the time he does not even know he is being taxed. This is because the Soviet government completely controls the price of everything a Russian must buy to sustain life. So any time the Red bosses want more money - or think the people are keeping too much of what they earn - the communist bureaucrats do one of two things, or both. They raise the price of things that Russians buy. Or they issue more rubles, or change the value of the ruble, so automatically it takes more money to buy less goods.

There is a serious lesson in all this for Americans. It was Karl Marx who advocated a heavily graduated income tax, and many people think that such a tax is an integral part of a truly socialist system. They forget that Karl Marx wanted a heavily graduated income tax in order to bring about socialism. Once a thorough-going socialism is established, there is little need for the income tax.

Why is this? Well, think it over for a moment. The income

tax is the weapon which is used to kill the free capitalist system so that socialism can take over. Remember those four months out of the year you must work just to pay your taxes? What happens when this becomes eight months or ten months? Then there is hardly anything left with which to buy the products and services of commerce and industry. There is nothing left with which to invest and re-invest in old and new industries. Having taken so much, the government bureaucrats leave the economic system lifeless and hopeless. All that remains is for them to take it over and run it as they see fit. Then you have complete socialism. The in-

come tax has served its purpose and is now no longer necessary. Now the government bureaucrats can manipulate prices and the currency in any way they choose. They reduce the mass of the people to the mediocrity of bare existence, while their masters live high on the hog with the substance of the people. We must always remember that there is more than one way to bring about a socialist revolution. One is by violent overthrow, as in Russia. Another is by the slow, creeping method, in which the income tax is a major weapon. In either case the ultimate results are the same - those which are before our eyes in the Soviet Slave State today.

## PHONY FIGURES

It would be well to keep your guard up about some phony statistics which have been appearing lately. They have to do with the new propaganda about communist regimes catching up to free systems in the production of goods. Even one of our national news magazines, *Newsweek*, recently fell for these so-called statistics. It attempted to show that Communist East Germany is catching up to Free

West Germany in the production of steel for instance.

A chart shows that steel production in West Germany, in the last nine years, has increased by 114 percent. But in Red East Germany it has increased even more - by 200 percent. But if you look at the chart carefully, you will discover that the amount of steel produced in Communist East Germany is only an infinitesimal fraction of the amount

of steel produced in Free West Germany. Here is a way to keep this clearer in your mind. If I made one automobile last year, and make two this year, I have increased my automobile production by 100 percent. But if you made a million automobiles last

year, and a million and a half this year, you have increased your production by only 50 percent. But you still have made 1,498,000 more automobiles than I have. So watch out for the figure jugglers. - John T. Flynn

*Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 5/15/60*

### **Book Review** **A CLEAR AND COURAGEOUS VOICE**

THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE by Barry Goldwater, 123 pages, Victor Publ. Co., Shepherdsville, Ky., \$3.00.

Save for those who live in a particularly salubrious climate, we have all experienced periods of heavy humidity accompanied by a pervading stench in the air. The days and weeks seem never-ending, and we wonder if we have ever known anything other than this dreadful oppressiveness. Then a violent storm or a sudden change in the wind brings at long last a brilliant clearness, and a freshness in the atmosphere which seems almost like the rebirth of the world.

Such was our feeling on reading Barry Goldwater's THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE. It comes - amidst the murki-

ness and rancid odor of a 'liberal,' me-too era which seemed endless - like a cool refreshing change in the weather. It may or may not presage a permanent change in our political and economic climate. But never again can it be said that the conservative cause lacks either a conscience, a credo, or a positive program - not so long as the Senator from Arizona's little book stays in print and is read by the millions. And that is what it deserves - reading by every single American who still values the freedom and well-being of his native land above all else.

Senator Goldwater believes that this describes the majority of Americans. But they must abandon the slough of

inferiority into which the modern 'liberals' have cast them, and speak out boldly for the principles on which they stand. "The charge (that Conservatism is out of date) is preposterous," says the Senator. "The laws of God, and of nature, have no date-line. The principles on which the Conservative political position is based have been established by a process that has nothing to do with the social, economic and political landscape that changes from decade to decade and from century to century. These principles are derived from the nature of man, and from the truths that God has revealed about his creation... To suggest that the Conservative philosophy is out of date is akin to saying that the Golden Rule, or the Ten Commandments... are out of date... The challenge is not to find new or different truths, but to learn how to apply established truths to the problems of the contemporary world."

Senator Goldwater calls himself a politician, but his words have the simple starkness and ringing clarity of the statesmen of old. He also calls himself a Republican. Yet he is as equally harsh

and outspoken with the members of his own party (including its current leaders) as he is with their Democratic opponents when he points to their abandonment of, or compromise with the principles which are our sole salvation.

There are only 123 pages in this book - and it is arranged in brief paragraphs in big, clear type. But never has so much been said so well in so little space. Or, as one reviewer put it (George Morgenstern in the *Chicago Tribune*) "There is more harsh fact and hard sense in this slight book than will emerge from all of the chatter of this year's session of Congress, this year's campaign for the presidency and all other offices, and this year's total output of meditation by editorial interpreters of these collective vapidities."

The Senator considers all the big problems - the power of government, taxes and spending, the Welfare State, labor, civil and states' rights, the farmer, and education. He closes with a chapter on the Soviet menace which cuts cleanly and severely to the heart of the problem as it affects America.

Senator Goldwater's position in the U.S. Senate is

not an enviable one. Though he has colleagues who agree with him, they lack either his articulateness or his courage. But he has here provided an inspiring manifesto, for that is what it is, for

the true American. The rest is up to you - to read his book, to see that others read it, and to guarantee that his does not remain a voice crying in the wilderness.

- Rosalie Gordon

## OUT OF THE MOUTHS...

"Little Ivan was being asked by his school teacher to describe America. 'America,' responded little Ivan, 'is the country where the workers are being exploited by the capitalists and are starving to death. In America there are just a few wealthy people, all the rest are poor.'

" 'Excellent,' praised the teacher. 'Now tell me the chief aim of our country's new Seven Year Plan.'

" 'To catch up with America,' replied Ivan."

- M.V. Eggleston in the syndicated service *THE AMERICAN WAY*

## A WARNING

There is circulating in the United States a well-printed, illustrated, paperbound book entitled *Khrushchev in America*. It is a collection of the speeches made by the Butcher of Budapest while he was in the U.S. last Fall. It is a particularly slick propaganda job because of the illustrations,

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which show a jolly, smiling Khrushchev consorting with President Eisenhower; with other American leaders; being cheered by crowds, etc., etc.

The book is published by an agency of the Soviet government in New York and is being distributed by the Soviet Embassy in Washington. We mention it only because we have had several reports that copies have turned up in the libraries, reading racks, and classrooms of some of our public schools. You might wish to check your own local school to see if the book is there. If it is, and before it falls into the hands of unsuspecting and unwary students, note whether or not it is clearly and unmistakably marked as the piece of blatant Soviet propaganda which it is.

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